

## Message Text

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SUBJ: ALLIANCE: DEFENSE MINISTER REITERATES GREEK POSITION  
ON RETURN TO NATO

1. RESPONDING TO CONJECTURE IN THE ATHENS PRESS CONCERNING  
THE IMPACT OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON THE TURKISH ARMS  
EMBARGO ON GREECE'S RELATIONS WITH NATO, DEFENSE MINISTER  
AVEROFF TOLD REPORTERS ON JULY 29 THAT "THERE HAS BEEN NO  
CHANGE IN GREECE'S POSITION TOWARD NATO. OUR INTENTION IS  
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO.  
THE BASIC POINTS HAVE BEEN EXPLAINED REPEATEDLY."

2. AVEROFF WAS RESPONDING SPECIFICALLY TO A QUESTION  
CONCERNING AN ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH FROM BRUSSELS  
WHICH SAID THAT GREECE IS MOVING RAPIDLY TOWARD REINTEGRATION  
INTO NATO'S MILITARY WING. THE AP DISPATCH RECEIVED  
HEAVY COVERAGE FROM THE ATHENS PRESS ON JULY 29. THE  
GENERAL TENOR OF LOCAL PRESS COMMENT ON THE AP STORY WAS  
THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON GREECE'S STATUS IN NATO WOULD  
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BEGIN AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER, THAT EXCEPT FOR TURKEY, THE  
OTHER NATO MEMBERS ARE FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARDS  
GREECE'S POSITION, AND THAT THE ISSUE WOULD BE SETTLED  
FAVORABLY BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

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